



Program Snapshot

Primary Target: Equipped leaders with a Biblical Worldview

Why:

According to a 2020 national study on faith and society, less than 10% of professing Christians actually have a biblical worldview, while only 40% claim to be fully committed to the Christian faith. In addition, more than 30% of professing Christians believe there is no absolute truth. With this, it is no surprise that more than 70% percent of children raised in the church leave their faith altogether when they graduate high school. In Greene County, we have felt the impact of these statistics in our own community. CLC is built to equip our youth with a biblical worldview and a greater understanding of God's love and purpose for their lives. Everyone's "worldview" dictates their perceptions, actions, behaviors, and choices. A "biblical worldview" connects individuals to a higher purpose and value system that is empirically linked to both individual success and thriving communities. We believe if these tools are instilled in the youth of Greene County, we will see harmful generational cycles broken in their lives and the community at large.

How: 3 intentional points of focus for student development

1. Biblical training
2. Leadership
3. Intentional support (spiritual, academic, emotional and social)

3rd Grade through Adulthood

1. Biblical Training

Target: Thorough understanding and deep knowledge of scripture that dictates how they view themselves and the world around them.

- Classical Educational model of 3 developmental stages: **Grammar, Logic, & Rhetoric**

How: A strategic and developmentally appropriate scope and sequence equips students with biblical knowledge Godly leadership

- In Elementary school, students learn the biblical foundations through CLC courses during the school day
- In Middle school, students learn to think critically, using logic and reasoning to interpret and apply scripture through CLC classes during the school day
- In High school, students are trained to defend the truth of scripture and develop a biblical worldview
- Discipleship pairs students with Godly men. Women, and older students who are able to help them navigate their maturing process from a biblical perspective

2. Leadership

Target: Produce homegrown leaders to lead from within this community

How: Creating a pipeline of student leadership opportunities throughout their continuum

- Providing numerous opportunities for students to invest in younger students beginning at an early age and continuing into adulthood
- Giving young children opportunities to interact with older students, inspiring their own leadership aspirations.
- Training growing adults with the skills and knowledge they need to be effective leaders themselves including team work, problem solving, and creativity

3. Intentional Support

Target: Comprehensive support for students to maximize their ability to reach their full potential

How: A structure of support for students' spiritual, academic, emotional, and social development

- True biblical discipleship program spanning from 3rd grade through 12th grade
- Academic support through tutoring and concept reinforcement throughout
- Real world experiences aiming at assisting students identify passions and purpose

The ATLAS Impact

A Christian Learning Center student saw his picture enlarged on a canvas in our building. I was standing nearby and said, "Hey, look! You're famous!" He lowered his head and replied, "I didn't know you would want my picture up in the hallway." You see, this senior, who now smiles a lot, engages his peers and teachers, and rarely misses class has in the past been in a good bit of trouble reaching far beyond school rules and restrictions. He joined a class late one year as a freshman and then chose to take a class with us last year. I have to admit, he pushed boundaries more than once. After a difficult summer, he returned to school this year with a heavy load of guilt and a tarnished reputation and chose not only to take one ATLAS class, but he chose to take both Current Issues and Tools for Success and has been here five days a week all year.

Near the first of 2021, I received a message from one of his teachers. The teacher shared that this young man wanted to give his life to Christ and was "joyful" at the opportunity of receiving a new and redeemed life. Recently, as I checked past and present class rosters to honor seniors who have taken at least four semesters (2 full years) of classes at ATLAS with a Christian Studies cord at graduation, I realized something really special. This student has taken more classes than any other student in the history of ATLAS CLC classes. I can say for sure, I have seen a changed life. He has always been loved, but he is changed and redeemed, all because of the grace and goodness of our Father.

~Heather Boswell (ATLAS Curriculum Coordinator)

2021-2022 School Year

Course Offerings

Greene County High School

"Tools for Success"

Preparing students for emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial independence after high school and featuring Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace for students

"Current Issues"

Students are able to follow current events and navigate the world they are growing up in up against scripture and a biblical worldview for their lives

"Bible Survey"

Students are able to learn the bible and the truth of God's promises alongside our ATLAS teaching team. Whether the student has a deep understanding of scripture OR has never been exposed to the bible, this class is great for growing in knowledge and faith!

"Apologetics"

Students learn to think critically and ultimately defend their faith by taking a deeper look into the historical and logical evidence for the foundations of the Christian faith!

"His Sons and Daughters"

This class dives into how God created us as men and women with a unique calling on our lives and intrinsic value as sons and daughters of the King! It also challenges students as uniquely created men and women to lean into the challenges and trust in His perfect plan for their lives.

Carson Middle School

“Leadership Academy” - 8th Grade

Students learn that God gifted them with a PURPOSE and leadership ability to lead where they are NOW, not just down the road as adults! Students will have opportunities for their leadership skills to be put into practice through ATLAS continuum programming throughout the year.

“Logic and Critical Thinking” - 7th Grade

This course enables students to identify sound and unsound reasoning presented to them by their surrounding world while allowing them to express their own thoughts in a logical fashion. Critical thinking and analytic skills gained from this course will be used throughout their education and lives.

Lake Oconee Academy

“Current Issues” 9th – 12th

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Nathanial Greene Academy

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